(c) how many employees have been working in this coal mines permanently or casually and since when; and

(d) what is the annual income and expenditure on this coal mine and what is the status of this project in respect of loss and gain?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The State Government of Jammu and Kashmir have invested Rs. 714.44 lakh in the coal mines in Kalakot through the Jammu and Kashmir Minerals Limited (J&KML), a fully owned undertaking of the State Government. No investment has been made by the Central Government directly in these mines.

(c) On inception of mining activity in 1962 the J&KML had appointed about 500 employees on permanent basis. At present the staff strength is as under:—

(i) On permanent basis	818
(ii) On casual basis	533
TOTAL	1351

(d) During the last three years the average annual income from and the average annual expenditure on these coal mines have been Rs. 540.07 lakh and Rs. 823.80 lakh respectively. The accumulated losses at present are Rs. 3338.75 lakh.

Cases of survey licences and mining leases from Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†2529. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases received every year for search permits, survey licences and mining leases in M.P. and Chhattisgarh during the last three years;

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(b) the details thereof in each case; and

(c) the details of the decision taken regarding each of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Mineral concessions such as Reconnaissance Permits, Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases are granted under Section 10(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 by the State Government concerned. However, proposals for prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mineral concessions for minerals specified under the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act originate from the respective State Government and are processed and disposed of by the Central Government as per the provisions of Section 5(1) of the aforesaid Act. The details of Reconnaissance Permits, Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases approved by the Central Government under Section 5(1) of the Act in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgrah during the last three years are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Reconnaissance Permits, Prospecting Licences and Mining Leases approved by Central Government during the last 3 years

S.No.	Name of State	No. of Reconnaissance Permits			Prospecting Licences			Mining Leases		
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
1.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—	9	1	1	27	5	—
2.	Chhattisgarh	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	1
	TOTAL:				10	1	3	27	5	1